

REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 1-4, 19-21 and 33-39 to differently recite embodiments of the invention. Also, dependent claim 6 was canceled because its language is believed to be redundant with that in claim 4 from which claim 6 depends, and new dependent claims 46-59 are being added. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-59 are currently pending for consideration. Claims 23-32, 40, and 41 are withdrawn.

In the pending Office Action, claims 4, 6, 10, 14 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; claims 4, 6, 10, 14, 18, 19-22, 36-39, and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; claims 1-22, 33-39, and 42-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Umehara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,882,956, hereinafter “Umehara”) in view of Sawada (U.S. Patent No. 6,770,544, hereinafter “Sawada”). Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-4, 19-21 and 33-39, and all claims dependant therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Applicants’ representative would like to thank Examiners Ullah and Malsawma for their courtesy and consideration extended during the personal interview conducted on July 23, 2009. An Interview Summary dated July 31, 2009 was issued in the present application. As indicated in the Interview Summary, it was agreed that Applicants’ proposed claim amendments,

consistent with those submitted in this Amendment, overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections, and all 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) rejections.

In addition, concerning Xuan (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,009, hereinafter “Xuan”) that was presented to Applicants’ representative by the Examiners during the interview and included in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 21, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit that Xuan discloses laser scribing of the face of the substrate. Hence, for at least this reason, the claimed embodiments of the present invention are allowable over Xuan.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-4, 19-21 and 33-39, and the claims dependent therefrom, patentably distinguish over the applied references of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections applied to the claims in the pending Office Action are respectfully requested.

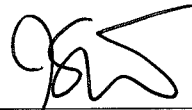
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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